

Hindi Salahakar Samiti in Ministry of Environment and Forests

233. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Hindi Salahakar Samiti re-constituted last in the Ministry;

(b) the number of sittings of the Samiti held during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the efforts made to conduct meetings regularly?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Hindi Salahakar Samiti was reconstituted on 30th August, 2000. During the last three years one meeting of Hindi Salahakar Samiti was held on 20th July, 1999. Effort arc underway to convene the meeting shortly.

Direction to HP Government to protect forests

234. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has stressed the need for implementation of laws to protect forests;

(b) whether Government have issued some instructions to the Himachal Pradesh Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. The Government of India has instructed Government of Himachal Pradesh for strict and faithful implementation of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and implementation of laws to protect the forests.